Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting December 16, 2024 6:30 PM Fredonia Township Hall 8803 17 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068

#### **MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS present: ⊠ Terry Day, Supervisor ⊠ Meg Bosserd, Clerk ⊠ Kyler Speaker, Treasurer

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**STAFF present:** ⊠ Phil Damon, Fire Chief ⊠ Jacob Washburn, Deputy Supervisor/FD Training Officer

☑ George Crandall, Twp. Planning Committee

☑ Terry Travis, Code Enforcement Officer

CALL TO ORDER: Terry Day called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by all Agenda Additions/Deletions: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH: Regular: November 18, 2024 Special: November 25, 2024 K. Speaker made a motion and J. Miller supported to approve the minutes as printed for the November 18, 2024 regular board meeting and the November 25, 2024 special board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED AS READ

FINANCIAL REPORT: K. Speaker provided reports to review; The drains assessment is currently being looked into and a budget adjustment may need to be made. Lyon Lake weed control is approximately \$10,600 per year. The Township is borrowing from the general fund to cover gap in the budget. A special meeting will be scheduled some time in February or March to assess weed billing.

#### **FILE FOR AUDIT**

# READING OF THE BILLS by C. Combs

M. Bosserd provided a check register for the board to review dated November 15, 2024 - December 16, 2024, totaling \$65,400.31. K. Speaker made a motion and C. Combs supported to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED AS READ** 

### **REPORTS:**

FIRE: Chief Damon provided a report and stated there were 11 fire and 8 medical calls for the month of November 2024. Training this month: Fire preplan inspection was done at Crystal Horse Farm on C Drive South. The monthly truck checks have been done. Continuing Ed classes were on the subjects of abdominal illness and abdominal trauma. Equipment: Dependable Fire Apparatus Company serviced squad 8 and replaced a leaking air pressure valve on tanker 8. Activities: The Fire Department represented Fredonia Township in Marshall's Christmas parade. P. Damon will provide list of current staff at the next board meeting.

**CEMETERY**: There was no news for the township cemeteries this month.



**ROADS:** T. Day submitted the K Drive South agreement and the G Drive South agreement to the Calhoun County Road Commission stating that G Drive South be the first priority and K Drive South be the second. D. Damon was attending the Eckford Township Meeting to discuss sharing the 18 ½ road project in 2026. The next meeting will be February 4<sup>th</sup>.

ORDINANCE: None.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: None.

**PLANNING:** The last meeting was on December 11, 2024. Battery storage and Lake District for Lyon Lake were discussed. The rezoning up Old 27 meeting will be held in February. The next meeting is January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

\*Short Term Rentals: The ordinance was passed; just waiting on revisions and approval of paperwork. Each rental will need a conditional use permit. K. Speaker made a motion and M. Bosserd supported to table the STR permit application process to the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

\*Security Window and Door: J. Miller and M. Bosserd met with Battle Creek Glass on December 5th. The quote for a security window is \$700 (labor and installation). K. Speaker made a motion and C. Combs supported to approve the installation of the security window. Motion carried unanimously. M. Bosserd will call BC Glass to schedule installation. Further research will be done on options for a security door.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

\*Property Tax Interest Resolution: It is a state law that the township collect 1% interest on taxes not deferred for each month or portion of a month that the tax is late. The board could not find a previous resolution so adopted the below to cover the township now and in the future.

## **RESOLUTION #24-3**

WHEREAS, The Township of Fredonia, Calhoun County, Michigan is responsible for assessing ad valorem property taxes, collecting property tax levies, and handling review and appeal matters arising therefrom, and

WHEREAS, PA 503 of 1982 provides for imposition of an interest charge equal to 1% per month.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Township Board to encourage the timely payment of taxes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Board of Fredonia Township that: The Township Board does hereby approve and authorize the imposition of an interest charge equal to 1% per month.

This resolution shall apply to all property tax levies that shall become due in 2025 or any year thereafter and this resolution shall continue in full force and effect unless and until revoked or rescinded by

resolution of Fredonia Township Board.
Motion made by _Kyler Speaker Seconded byMeg Bosserd
Upon roll call vote the following voted:
"Aye": _Cathy Combs, Meg Bosserd, John Miller, Kyler Speaker, Terry Day (list names of members voting "Aye")
"No":
(list names of members voting "No")
The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.
Meg Bosserd (clerk's name), Clerk
*K. Speaker read the above motion. It was seconded by M. Bosserd. T. Day declared the resolution adopted.
*Marshall Community Credit Union CD account changes: MCCU requires minutes from the meeting where changes to the CD account were approved. C. Combs made a motion and J. Miller supported to remove J.C. Skowron from the CD account and add Kyler Speaker to the CD account. Motion carried unanimously. All board members are to sign the minutes.
Upon roll call vote the following voted: "Aye." John Miller, Kyler Speaker, Terry Day, Meg Bosserd, Cathy Combs
PUBLIC COMMENT (for any new issues):  *The hinge is broken on the outdoor bookcase. T. Day will take a look.
*K. Speaker is to call Huntington Bank regarding the township credit card.  *M. Bosserd announced holiday hours of December 23 <sup>rd</sup> and December 30 <sup>th</sup> , 9am to 5pm.
ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.
Minutes prepared by M. Bosserd
Meg Bosserd, Township Clerk Manhare Date: 1/21/25
Meg Bosserd, Township Clerk South Date: 1/21/25  Terry Day, Township Supervisor Date: 1/21/25